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In the Application of)
Keiji Nakahara et al.)
on METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
LIGHTWEIGHT HIGH-STRENGTH MEMBER)
Serial No.: *Not yet assigned*)
Filed: Simultaneously herewith) (Our Docket No. 6731-01)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the specification:

Please insert after the Title and before the Technical Field of the Invention the following paragraph:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

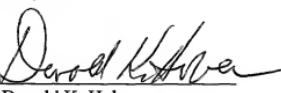
This application is entitled to the benefit of and incorporates by reference essential subject matter disclosed in Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-335713 filed on November 2, 2000 in the name of Yorozu Corporation and TFO Corporation (formerly known as Kabushikikaisha Murayama Tekkosho).

REMARKS

The above amendment is made in order to incorporate the cross-reference information into the application.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative at the phone number listed below. While Applicants believe no fees are due with the filing of this amendment, please charge any deficiencies in fees associated with this filing to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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